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Att:	Mr James F Hook		
From:	Jack Josephsen		
Subject:	Request for clarification		

Dear James,

**RE US Patent Application number 10/530,282**

Firstly, a brief introduction if I may. My name is Jack Josephsen and I am a share holder and administrator for PipeRat Pty Ltd. I am writing to you on behalf of Mr Terrance Dominic Gillam, who is the managing director of PipeRat Pty Ltd. Mr Gillam is the inventor of the product seeking a US patent and has since sold the rights to the technology to PipeRat Pty Ltd. I am writing to you as I was involved in the granting of the Australian patent.

We are in receipt of the examiners report dated July 10, 2007. We received similar objections with our Australian patent and I would like to understand if we can put forward the comments that we made, in a manner that is satisfactory to yourself, without the need for a US patent lawyer. We did use a US patent attorney to lodge the forms originally but if possible we would like to save on the expenses where we can. Obviously if it is not recommended then we will have to engage the attorney to correspond on our behalf.

The format of the report is quite different to that of the Australian report so we may need some clarification on the individual claim rejections. But first, we would like to put forward our notations with respect to the referenced patents. We believe that there are some oversights or differences in interpretations that might impact on the rejected claims.

Please forgive us, we are not patent attorneys so we may not get the terminology in precise legal terms but believe that we can put our points forward clearly and concisely.

If satisfactory to yourself, then we would put our comments together and come back to you shortly. We are of course also able to communicate via email if that is more suitable to you.  
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We await your instruction. In the meantime if you have any questions, or if you require further information, then do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

  
**Jack Josephsen**  
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